

MUST SERVE FIFTY YEARS FOR MURDER COURT PRONOUNCES HEAVY SENTENCE UPON FRED SKINNER

LESS THAN 20,000 WORKERS RESPOND TO STRIKE CALL

By Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—If the computation of the Philadelphia police department is correct, those officials declare it is less than 20,000 workers have responded to the call for a general strike. Tonight Director of Public Safety Henry Clay issued the first detailed statement, purporting to show the extent of the sympathetic strike in support of the striking car men has affected the industrial life of the city. It came at the close of the first full working day under the general strike. The day was the quietest since the calling of the general strike. Tonight there was an absolute quiet up to a late hour, and according to the police reports there is every indication that the night will pass without a serious outbreak. The labor leaders scoffed at the police reports.

DEAD VICTIMS OF THE AVALANCHE PACKED IN SNOW

By Associated Press.
WELLINGTON, March 7.—Fifty-two bodies have been taken from the avalanche ruins up to this afternoon, leaving about sixty-five in the gulch. It is thought the smoking car, used as a bunkhouse for thirty foreign laborers, has been located, and the dead may be removed tomorrow. Rapid progress is being made by the relief train on the east side of the Cascades and the difficulties of caring for the dead and wounded are vanishing. The railroad company expects to bring a train here tomorrow to send to Spokane with the dead and injured. All the bodies will probably be removed this week. All the dead are well preserved by tightly packing them in snow. The clear, cool weather has banished the fear of further landslides and floods. The long stretch of track west of Seaside Hot Springs is again open.

Convicted Slayer in a Plea to the Judge Asks for Either Minimum or Maximum Penalty. Makes His First Public Statement to Bonanza Reporter Yesterday Afternoon— Will Try to be Paroled.

Amid a silence broken only by the voice of the court itself, Fred Skinner, the twice convicted murderer of Mona Bell, or Sadie Isabella Heskett, was yesterday morning sentenced by Judge M. R. Averill in the local district court, to serve fifty years in the state prison at Carson as punishment for his crime. When the court opened and stated that the time set for passing sentence had arrived, Skinner was conducted into the room, attended by Sheriff Owens. When ordered to stand up and make any statement why sentence should not be pronounced, the defendant arose and addressed the court as follows:

"If your honor please, I haven't any legal cause that I know of but I would like to make a statement to your honor before you pass sentence. I do not believe your honor understands the witnesses in this case. I believe that your honor understands that there was plenty of perjury used in the prosecution's side, and there will be no appeal for a new trial providing I can get a recommendation from your honor for a parole. The last legislature passed a law for parole in this state and either I would prefer the minimum sentence or the maximum sentence, and I would like for your honor to give me 99 years if you recommend me to a parole, and I will show every person in Nevada that I am a man and that I intend to do right. In passing your sentence I would like for your honor to take into consideration that there are many circumstances that your honor nor no one else understand. I would like, if it were possible to have a private interview but if it is not there is no necessity of making statements out in the public. The newspapers, you know, have been prejudiced all along, and when I made a motion for a change of venue I know that your honor would give me a fair and square trial, which you did, but the press was so vindictive and prejudiced that I could not get a fair trial—the people would not give it to me, but I thank your honor for giving me the consideration that you have in this trial."

During the time of speaking the prisoner was extremely nervous and spoke with effort. At his conclusion Attorney George B. Thatcher took occasion to ask for leniency on behalf of his client. He paid his respects to the newspapers, claiming that the press had no right to try the case out of court. His plea was as follows:

"May it please your honor, I want to say to your honor that, considering the fact that the defendant was tried by a jury who brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree, after coming in and asking your honor for a recommendation and the instructions with reference to the verdict and the instructions with reference to the verdict and the penalty of murder in the second degree, that something must have been in the minds of the jury when they asked for those instructions and they must have figured that your honor would attend to the matter properly, but, at the same time they could not have had in their minds a verdict of life, because it was in their discretion at the time to fix the penalty at murder in the first degree with a life sentence, and that must have been in their minds when they came in and asked your honor as to the penalty—they evidently were considering something between the penalty of ten years and a further additional penalty. And I want to say this, may it please your honor, on behalf of myself and on behalf of some of the members who sat on the jury. I understand that some of the newspapers and some of the citizens of the town of Tonopah have been

RUSSIANS WILL BE TRIED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

By Associated Press.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—The trial of Nicholas V. Tschalkovsky, and Mme. Breslovskaya, who are charged with criminal activity in revolutionary organization, will begin tomorrow behind closed doors. Tschalkovsky's wife will be the only person admitted except his counsel. His daughter, Mme. Bracey, who worked devotedly for her father, will not be permitted to attend the trial, although the law authorizes three relatives or friends of the accused to be present. Mme. Breslovskaya will face trial alone. Her son, who is her only relative, does not share the political opinions of the mother and she has disowned him.

Tschalkovsky's conviction on the principal charges in the indictment, a membership of the social revolutionists' organization, and central committee is considered almost certain, as it is known he cannot support his personal denial with the tangible evidence.

PHYSICIAN AT MARINE HOSPITAL BEATS PATIENT

By Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Cused of having administered beating to a patient in the United States Marine hospital, twenty nates before he died, Dr. Dur Moore, the resident physician at institution, was arrested today a deputy United States marshal the charge of battery. He was leased on \$500 bail. It is alleged the doctor struck Mateo Brezzinico seaman, February 17, shortly fore the latter's death.

NEVADA RAILROADS BEING REPAIRED

By Associated Press.
OGDEN, Utah, March 7.—T railroad officials tonight regard the general outlook with greater cheerfulness than at any time since t washouts brought disaster to t Southern Pacific and Western Pacific roads in Nevada. But little difficulty is being experienced making repairs.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MAKES A DRASTIC CHANGE IN RAILROAD BILL

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 7.—The house committee on interstate foreign commerce today made a drastic change in the administration railroad bill, striking out the authorization under which a carrier that owns fifty per cent of another line may extend its holdings. Other changes were ordered bearing on the questions of whether one line shall be permitted to control another line. The provision to allow a railroad now leasing another line for twenty years or more to renew the lease or acquire the ownership of the lesser company was eliminated. An amendment was accepted prohibiting a director of one line becoming a director of a competing line. Another amendment which had been inserted in the administration bill by the senate committee to broaden the scope of competition so as to make it more difficult for one road to own the stock of another road, was accepted by the house committee. The provision exempting street, suburban and interurban electric lines from prohibition against a railroad having an interest in a competing line, was stricken out. Now that the way has been opened it is not impossible that other alterations will be made.

PEARY DECLINES TO SUBMIT PROOFS TO CONGRESS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 7.—Peary today declined to submit to congress the proofs of his discovery of the North pole. He sent to the sub-committee of the house committee on naval affairs the following statement: "Commander Peary and his friends say the contracts signed some months ago with publishers render it impossible to make the records and scientific data public now. It would not only subject Peary to heavy damages, but a loss he cannot meet, having just extricated himself from debt incurred with the various expeditions, and would be breaking faith with his publishers, which he is unwilling to do." After hearing the statements by Representatives Hobson and Moore, urging a reward for Peary regardless of proofs, the committee adjourned until Wednesday without taking any action.

YOUNG KNOX IS MARRIED SECRETLY TO A SHOP GIRL

By Associated Press.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 7.—Wearing a broad band gold ring with a large diamond engagement ring on her left hand, Miss May Boler, aged twenty-one years, until recently employed in a department store in this city, tonight coyly claimed Philander Knox Jr., the twenty-year-old son of the Secretary of State, as her husband. "We were married in Burlington, Vermont, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock by the minister," she confessed, the first revelation disconcerting to young Knox. He was expelled from the Norris Heights school, where he was a pupil, when he refused to tell Principal French whether he was married or not.

BRIEF SERVICE OVER REMAINS OF SENATOR PLATT

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, March 7.—After a simple service prayer at the home of his son, Frank Platt, at noon tomorrow the body of Thomas Collier Platt, the one time political leader of New York, and three times United States senator, will be borne to Oswego in a special car. The funeral services will be held at Oswego Wednesday morning in the Presbyterian church.

BANKER WILL NOT PRESS THE CHARGE AGAINST PACKER

KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Jere F. Lillis, president of the Western Exchange bank, who was assaulted by John P. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, when the latter found the banker at his home Sunday morning, will not prosecute his assailant. The charges of disturbing the peace against Cudahy, that were preferred by a policeman, will probably be dismissed with a nominal fine in the police court. Thus will end the affair insofar as the punishment of Cudahy is concerned. W. T. Johnson, Lillis, counsel, made known that there would be no prosecution. "We have no desire to take steps against Cudahy," he said, "and there will be no prosecution."

Lillis' condition is improving rapidly. Mrs. Cudahy has repeated her denial of more than a platonic friendship for Lillis. She is with her father, General John Cowdr. The latter said this evening: "My daughter is as innocent, I am certain, as the virtue of Christ. The coward slandered her to protect himself. I cannot say whether there will be a divorce."

LIFE SENTENCE OF MRS. BOTKIN IS COMPLETED

By Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, serving a life sentence at San Quentin for the murder in 1898 of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., by means of poisoned chocolates sent through the mails, died tonight at the penitentiary. Mrs. Dunning was the wife of a former San Francisco newspaper man with whom Mrs. Botkin was infatuated. Dunning some months ago was in Philadelphia. Mrs. Botkin was tried twice and spent eight years in the county jail before she gave up the fight for freedom. The trials attracted a wide attention. It was the first big "poisoned candy" case in many years.

SYMPATHIZERS MAY BE ORGANIZED INTO UNIONS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, March 7.—An attempt will be made by the American Federation of Labor to organize into the various unions all the unorganized men and women who joined the general strike at Philadelphia. A telegram received today by Secretary Morrison of the Federation, from President Mahon of the Amalgamated Railway Employees association, said that thousands of unorganized men and women are going to strike in sympathy for the car men. Morrison would not affirm, deny or discuss the report that the street car men of Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Omaha and San Francisco, would join the general strike.

DR. HYDE IS INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAIL

By Associated Press.
KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Dr. Clark Hyde, indicted on thirteen counts in connection with the Swope mystery, spent tonight in the county jail. At noon Judge Letshaw of the criminal court, decided not to hear the physician's application for bail until tomorrow morning and ordered him committed to jail.

Remember that we still make books and guarantee them.

MAKE ATTEMPT TO STOP FLORIDA RACES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 7.—The first bomb of a concerted attack on racing in Florida was fired today, when five informations were filed in the criminal court against the Florida Livestock and Agricultural association and against several bookmakers. The Everett Hotel handicap, feature of the card, was productive of a keen upset.

FATAL EXPLOSION REPORTED IN INDIANA

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, March 7.—From eight to ten people were reported killed, and seventeen injured, many of them probably fatally, in an explosion at Roby, Ind., tonight.